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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13th/July, through Sunday, 20th/July there were 209 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**THE NODXA "Radio For Apollo" PROJECT UPDATE** (by Editor Tedd, KB8NW). Let me first say "HOW I AM IMPRESSED" with the DX community. Ten minutes after last week's bulletin was released, pledges were coming in quickly. In 24 hours, close to 1000 USD were pledged with three associations stating they would contribute something. Some individuals also stated they would donate more, if needed. The members of NODXA say "THANK YOU". However, the NODXA project is now on hold. Something is in the works and currently can not be publicized just yet. Details are forthcoming. Monk Apollo is aware of the ham community's efforts to help put him back on the air. He is also very grateful and prays for the ham

community. Please stay tuned for updates. Once again, I thank the DX community..... 73 de Tedd KB8NW (President of NODXA and Editor of the OPDX)

**3B8, MAURITIUS.** Mart, DL6UAA, informs OPDX that Jacky, **3B8CF**, is now active on RTTY everyday (except weekends) between 1300-1430z on 15 meters (around 21083-21084 kHz). He has repaired his old TONO-7000 and is now active. NA stations try 0300z on 14084 kHz (That's the time before he goes to work).

**3C0, ANNOBON ISLAND (Update).** Operators Franz/DJ9ZB/**3C0F**, Elmo/EA5BYP/3C0A, Victor/EA5FO/**3C0R** and Vicente/EA5YN/**3C0V** will be active from Annobon Island, between **September 27th and October 10th**. Activity will be on all modes/bands CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, some SSTV and 160-6 meters. They hope to have at least two stations on the air 24 hours a day. Mounting this DXpedition is an expensive operation for operators. Any donations to help the operators, as small as it may be, will be gratefully appreciated and can be sent via the DX Club Tabarca Island, c/o President Elmo EA5BYP, P.O. Box 3097, 03080 Alicante, Spain. E-mail is: [cayuco@telefonica.net](mailto:cayuco@telefonica.net) Any additional donations included with your QSL card requests will be much appreciated. They would like to say thanks in advance. QSL via DJ9ZB.

**7P8, LESOTHO (Update/Now Active).** The Lone Star DX Association and the Texas DX Society's 7P8 DXpedition is now active **until July 25th**. The team includes: Charles Frost, K5LBU/**7P8CF**; Igor Zdorov of Minneapolis, MN, W0IZ/**7P8IZ**; Dave Anderson of Ashville, NC, K4SV/**7P8DA**; Madison Jones of Houston, TX, W5MJ/**7P8MJ**; Neil King of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada VA7DX/**7P8NK**; Tom Anderson of Colleyville, TX, WW5L/**7P8TA**; and Elizabeth White of Missouri City, TX, KA2UCA/**7P8EW**. Operators K4SV and VA7DX will also be operating from 3DA after 7P8. Their callsigns will be **3DA0SV** for Dave Anderson/K4SV and **3DA0WC** for Neil King/VA7DX. Larry Alkoff, N2LA, and his XYL Karen, K2DXV, of Austin who had joined the team withdrew from the DXpedition because of construction on their new home near Austin. Activity will be on all bands/modes. QSL via their home callsigns. They now have two Web pages for DXers to monitor updates for the DXpedition and on-line logs search. The web pages are: <http://www.k4sv.com/lesotho.html> and <http://www.amsatnet.com/7p8.html> To help pay shipping expenses of donated equipment, the team is selling a commemorative T-shirt like the one the team will be wearing on its QSL card. Short sleeve shirts in sizes Medium through X-Large are 20 USD and a limited number of long sleeve shirt in XXL and XL are aviable at 25 USD. Stateside and Canadaian postage is included in the cost. Add 5 USD for DX airmail delivery. Order through Frost or Tom Anderson via their callbook addresses.

**9A, CROATIA (Croatian Island and IOTA Activity).** Members from Radio club "Josipovac" (9A3QB, 9A3SO, 9A3IQ, 9A7DCO, 9A7BFR, ...) will participate in IOTA contest under **9A6K**, from the Island of **Kakan (EU-170)**. Before and after contest (on **July 24-31st**), they plan to activate (under **9A6K/p**), the next following Croatian IOCA islands (mainly EU-170):

- KUKULJAR, CI-231, LH E3224*	- PRCEVAC MALI, CI-329
- BABULJAK, CI-495	- KRALJAK, CI-328
- VODNJAK, CI-494	- DUPINICI, CI-327
- BISAGA, CI-459 (NO IOTA)	- KAMESNJAK MALI, CI-325
- BOROVNIK, CI-254, (NO IOTA)	- KAMESNJAK VELI, CI-326
- LJUTAC, CI-255 (NO IOTA)	- PRISNJAK, CI-374 (NO IOTA), LH E3202*
- BAVLJENAC, CI-246	- MURTER, CI-074 (NO IOTA)

QSL via 9A3QB, Mirko (via bureau).

**C6, BAHAMAS.** Ian, N8IK, will be active as **C6AMK Coco Cay, Bahamas, August 8-9th.** Activity will be 40 meters CW only. QSL via N8IK.

**CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND.** Operators Robert/N0RN, Vance/N5VL, Igor/W0IZ, Joe/KO4RR, Andrea/K5AAH (YL), Alan/K5AB and Dale/VE7SV will be active this week as **CY9A** from **July 24th to August 2nd.** Their announced suggested frequencies are:

- **SSB** - 7055/T, 7240/R, 14195, 14295, 14260, 18140, 21295, 21260, 24140, 28395 and 28460 kHz
- **RTTY** - 14083, 21083 and 28083 kHz
- **CW** - 1826.5, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24894, 28025 and 50106.6 kHz

QSL via N5VL. For updates, visit the Web page at:

<http://www.hometown.aol.com/vlepierre/myhomepage/index.html>

## **DX RENTALS.....**

- **SUPERSTATION RENTAL (PEI DX Lodge).** Robby/VY2SS and Ken/K6LA/VY2TT are pleased to announce the opening of the Prince Edward Island (PEI) DX Lodge - Rental Superstation. Check this out at: <http://www.peidxlodge.com>
- Charles Harpole, HS0ZCW, reports that he will have within the next 6 to 8 months a ham shack rental in Bangkok, Thailand. It is a single room air conditioned condo with American style bath on the top (14th) floor of a large condo building in north-central Bangkok, about 20 minutes from the airport. Automobile parking all around the condo. There are plenty of taxis. There is a very large food court and other shops as a part of the complex. The radio is TS-50S with separate memory keyer, Bencher, Heil, and IBM laptop, with an all band wire antenna for now. Bringing your transmitter into Thailand is not legal without declaring it upon arrival and waiting a month or more for approval of it. Operating licenses can be obtained in advance by writing (for citizens of USA, UK, and a few other countries) via reciprocal agreements. Contact Charles directly for more details if you are planning a stop-over in Bangkok in the future. His E-mail address is: [k4vud@hotmail.com](mailto:k4vud@hotmail.com)

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA.** Operators Barry/ZS1FJ/G4MFW/ZL1MFW, Phil/G3SWH and Deon/ZS1ZL continue to be active for the rest of the week (**July 26th**) as **FO/G4MFW** and **FO/G35WH** (Yes, FO/G"35"WH. It seems the FO authorities misread the "S" for a "5" on Phil's license.). Remember, QSL FO/G4MFW to ZS1FJ and FO/G35WH to G3SWH.

**GJ2/MJ0, JERSEY.** Look for Rich, K2WR, as **GJ2A** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Single-Op/High Power/Mixed/24h/Island entry. Also, look for him to use GJ2A again in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL both operations via GJ3DVC or GJ Bureau. Look for some activity outside of the contest (before and after) as MJ0AWR, mainly on CW. QSL MJ0AWR to K2WR direct or via W2 Bureau.

**HA5, HUNGARY.** Robert, PA3GEO, will be active as **HA5ORP** from **July 28th through August 13th.** Activity will be on all HF bands on CW/SSB. He will use mobile whip antennas

and also a wire openline dipole. His radio will be a FT-757 GX-II w/100 watts. QSL via PA3GEO to the QSL Bureau.

**HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.** Operators ON4IQ, ON4QX, HI8ROX and HI3TEJ will be active as **HI3/ON4IQ** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Multi-One entry (IOTA NA-096). QSL via ON4IQ.

**IOTA NEWS** (Remember, the RSGB IOTA Contest is this weekend!)......

- **CONTEST.** Ric, DL2VFR, reports that 78 stations are listed so far for the contest on the Web page at: <http://www.iota-post.com> German participants are:
  - **EU-042** Sylt Island. DJ5DT/p via bureau
  - **EU-042** Pellworm DL4OK/p via bureau
  - **EU-057** Greifswalder Oie DL0HGW/p via bureau
  - **EU-057** Ruegen DF3UFW/p via bureau
  - **EU-128** Fehmarn DJ7AO via bureau
  - **EU-128** Fehmarn DL5KUA via bureau
  - **EU-129** Usedom DL0KWH/p via bureau
- **AF-036.** Members of URE and the Armed Forces Radio club will be on **Chafarinas Islands July 23-28th**. They will be participating in the **IOTA Contest**, and outside the contest they will be on the air on all bands from 80-2 meters on SSB, CW and RTTY. The team members are: EA4BT, EA7AAW, EA7JB, EA7TL, EA9NP and EB4EPJ. The callsign to be used on HF is **EG9IC**, and on 6 meters they will use **EH9IC**. A online log search will be available after the DXpedition at: <http://www.ure.es> QSL via EA4URE.
- **AS-NEW.** There has been an announcement that a new IOTA will be activated in **October** this year. It will be from Vietnam (3W) and the last new island from 3W-land. The callsign to be used is **XV3C**. More details are forthcoming.
- **AS-072.** Look for Rich, **9M2/G4ZFE/p**, to be active from **Pulau Pangkor, Western Malaysia**, in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Single-OP/CW/Low Power entry. QSL via G4ZFE (direct preferred).
- **AS-136.** Students from the amateur radio club station at Shanghai Jiaotong University (BY4AJT) will be active as **BI4HS** from **Hengsha Island, July 25-28th**. Look for them in the **IOTA Contest**. Suggested frequencies are (+/-):
  - **SSB** - 7050, 14260, 21260, 28460 kHz
  - **CW** - 7025, 14030, 21030, 28030 kHz
- **EU-001.** Operators SV5FRB, SV5FRD, SV5FRP and the Scouts amateurs from **Pserimos Island** (only 17 people are permanent habitants) will be active as **J45FRE** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Multi-Op/DXpedition entry. QSL via SV5FRD.
- **EU-016.** Look for **S50R** and **S50K** to be active from the Island of **Vis (Croatia)** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)**. QSL via S50R. For more info, visit: <http://lea.hamradio.si/~s50r/>
- **EU-038.** Look for DJ1YFK to be active as **PA/DJ1YFK/P** from **Texel Island** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/CW/12h entry. QSL via DJ1YFK, 100% via the Bureau.
- **EU-052.** Kostas, SV1DPI, will be active as **SV1DPI/p** from Zante Island, **July 25th to August 3rd**. He is going there for a vacation, but will try to be active some hours and participate in the **IOTA Contest**. QSL preferable via bureau.

- **EU-057.** Look for **DL0HGW/p** on **Greifswalder Oie** (GIA O-012, WLH-0114) to be active in the **IOTA Contest**. QSL via bureau. For more details: <http://www.radiosport.de>
- **EU-070.** Look for Christian, F8HJV, to be active as **F8HJV/p** from **Levant Island** (DIFM ME012), from **July 25th to the end of August**. His frequencies and mode: mainly 40 and 20 meters SSB. This will be a vacationing style operation, but Christian will enter a little bit in the **IOTA Contest**. Go easy on Christian, he is not used to pile-ups. QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-088.** Operators OZ2TF, OZ7KDJ and OZ9V will activate **Anholt Island** (Reference Number for the Dansk Island Award NK-001) during the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. Callsign will be **OZ8MW/P**.
- **EU-091.** Members from the Salento DX Team (A.R.I. Sezione di Lecce) will activate Isola Grande (I.I.A. LE-001) as **IZ7AUH/p** in the **IOTA Contest** as a Multi-Op entry. Operators are: Frank/IZ7AUH, Alfredo/IK7JWX, Elvira/IV3FSG, Michele/IK7FPX, Angelo/IZ7CTE (CW) and Enzo/I7PXV (CW). QSL via home callsign, bureau or direct. The operators outside of the IOTA Contest will be active also on 6 meters (JN80WG) and on the WARC bands.
- **EU-114.** Look for **GU8D** on **Guernsey Island** to be active in the **IOTA Contest**. QSL via G3LZQ.
- **EU-137.** Operators SM7BHM and SM7GXR will be active as **SK7A/P** from **Lindoe Island** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a SSB entry. QSL via SK7BQ.
- **EU-146.** Four Dutch amateurs will be active as **PA6Z** from the Island of **Goeree** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)**. PA6Z will be active on 80-10 meters on SSB only. QSL is via PA1KW: Bert v. Holst, Ien Dalessingel 357, 7207 LJ Zutphen, The Netherlands.
- **EU-146.** For the third year in a row **PI4HQ** will be active in the **IOTA Contest**. The original group with PA7BT, ON4IA, ON5UM, ON6CC and ON6NL got a lot of support and will activate **Schouwen Island**. On the days prior to the contest the crew will be active under their **own callsign/PA**. They will enter the contest as a Multi/Single station. They hope to be in the top-ten again and hope to improve their last year's 8th position! For some pictures of their last year's trip, visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/on5ll/> QSL is OK via the bureau or to Peter, PA3CAL.
- **EU-149.** Operators Jaak/ES1FB and Oleg/ES1RA will be active from **Rammu Island, July 25-27th**, as **ES1FB/2** and **ES1RA/2**. QSL via their home callsigns.
- **EU-174.** Panos, **SV8DTL**, will be active in the **IOTA Contest** from **Thasos Island**.
- **EU-178.** The team of ES2QH/Aarne, ES2NA/Andy, ES1DW/Tom, ES2RJ/Tom, ES2EZ/Jerry and ES2TGO/Harry will be active as **ES2WX** from the small Island of **Kihnu, July 25th through August 4th**. Activity will include the **RSGB IOTA Contest** and the **Estonian Open Field Day**. Operations will be on HF (for IOTA Contest and VUSHF skeds), 50, 144, 432 and 1296 MHz. QSL VUSHF QSOs via ES2RJ and HF QSO via ES2NA.
- **NA-067.** Jon, WB8YJF, will be active from **Ocracoke Island, NC**, (USI NC001S) as **WB8YJF/NA67** from **July 20-27th**. This will include the **IOTA Contest**. Activity will be on CW, RTTY, and some SSB. QSL via direct if possible (FAST turnaround!).
- **NA-127.** John, VE1JS, will be active from **Brier Island**, in Southwest Nova Scotia during the **IOTA contest July 26-27th**. QSL direct to: John Scott, General Delivery, Sandy Cove, NS, Canada B0V 1E0 or via the VE1 Bureau. No other QSL routes will work. All cards will be answered in the same way as they are received.
- **NA-128.** Nenad, VE3EXY, will once again head back to **Orleans Island**. This time it

will be for the **IOTA contest**. He will be there from **July 24th to July 26th** (1600z) using the callsign **CK2/VE3EXY/P**. Activity will be on the contest frequencies and no low bands. This will be your last chance to work him from this island because he will not go there any time soon. QSL via VE3EXY. For those who are interested in the Canadian Islands Award, Orleans Island has the CISA reference number QC007. QSL cards are already printed, and the CISA number is on his QSL card.

- **NA-140.** Operators K3PFW, W3PP, W2GJ, N3PT, KW3Z, WV8RS, KD3IH, N3WYN, KB3HTA and KB3HTF will be active as **W3TBG** from the **Smith Island** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Multi-Op/ High Power entry. They will be active from the fire station using a beam and dipole antennas. QSL via W3TBG.

## **LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....**

- Ray Knuth, KB8ZYY, is expected to be active from **Ausable Pierhead Lighthouse** (USA 929) during the lighthouse weekend (**August 16-17th**). The lighthouse is in **Ausable Township (Iosco County), Michigan**, at the mouth of the Ausable River. Activity will be on CW/SSB on the suggested frequencies for the lighthouse event. QSL to KB8ZYY with a SASE.
- Operators EA6LP/Juan, EA6YW/Gori, EA6DD/Biel and DK4TP/Herbert will activate **Cap Salinas Lighthouse** (BAL-070) as **ED6LGH** from the southern most part of **Mallorca Island (EU-004)**, **August 15-17th**. QSL via bureau or EA6LP.

**MD4, ISLE OF MAN.** Once again **MD4K** will be active in the **2003 IOTA Contest**. Operators this year are G0HSS, G1GEY, G3NKC, G4MJS, G4XUM and M0BEW, gratefully assisted by GD4GNH and GD0TEP. Please check out their Web page at: <http://www.md4k.com> QSL cards can be sent direct or via bureau to G3NKC (Chestnut House, 510 Crewe Rd, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 6PS); or requested on line through the Web page (no card necessary!).

**P4, ARUBA.** By the time you read this, Colin, KU5B, will be active as **KU5B/P4 or P40CJ** now **through July 24th**. He will be operating from his hotel and various contest locations. Equipment used will be a Yaesu FT-840 w/100 watts into a dipole at the hotel. Activity will be on 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters both SSB and CW, with a main emphasis on CW. QSL via KU5B with SASE. His Web site is at: <http://www.qsl.net/ku5b/>

## **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- **4U1UN QSLs.** Your editor saw Jerry, WB8LFO, over the past weekend and asked him about the QSL cards and logs for 4U1UN. Jerry told your editor he is in the process of moving to Florida and that "ALL" logs (1986-1996) have been returned to the UN. All QSL requests for those years should be QSLed via the following address. DO NOT send QSL cards to WB8LFO, only to: Box 3873, Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 USA.
- Patrick, WD9EWK, informs OPDX that he is the QSL Manager for several stations, in addition to activity with his own personal callsigns WD9EWK and VA7EWK. Here is a current list of the stations who have WD9EWK for their QSL route: **4A2Q** (3-4 May 2003 only), **AY8XW** (2002 only), **KG6OJZ**, **L20E** (say "Lima-Two-Zero-Echo"), **LU3XQ**, **LU5ER**, **LU5EVK**, **LU5XPZ**, **LU6XQ**, **LU7JA**, **LU9XT**, **W9K** (August 2002 only), **XE2BOA**, **XE2BSS**, **XE2TG**, **XE2TPJ**, and **XE2VAS**. Patrick has received the 4A2Q QSL cards from the printer over the past weekend and mailed out the first batch of

those cards - going to hams in the USA and Mexico, July 14th. The cards are the folding type, similar to those used on other DXpeditions in the recent past. More 4A2Q cards, going to XE hams, will be mailed from a Mexican post office on July 18th. Those who sent a card for 4A2Q without an SASE or something for paying the return postage will get a card shortly, now that he has some spare "green stamps". There is more information about 4A2Q on the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/4a2q/> Marco XE2TG, of Hermosillo in the Mexican state of Sonora (south of the US state of Arizona, or for grid hunters DL49), has accepted Patrick's offer to be his QSL Manager. Marco enjoys CW, and especially enjoys operating on 6m and 160m. He was one of the operators at 4A2Q, doing CW from there. Patrick has his 2003 logs through last week, and he will receive updates from him regularly. If you need a QSO confirmed from previous years - or even with his previous callsign, XE2TSG - he can do that as well. Patrick can receive cards through the QSL bureau system, or directly at (the same address as on QRZ.com, Buckmaster, and the FCC database): Patrick Stoddard, 6938 W. Palo Verde Drive, Glendale, AZ 85303-4405 USA. He maintains a Web page with his QSL Manager information at: <http://www.qsl.net/wd9ewk/qsl-mgr.html>

**TZ, MALI (Update).** The international team going to **Bamako, Mali, August 12-22nd**, have announced that their callsign for the operation will be **TZ6RD**. The QSL Manager will be EA4URE the Spanish National Bureau. Currently, operators confirm are: XE1L, N6TQS, I8NHJ, EA5RM, EA5RD, EA5KY and EA5XX.

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT.** Three members of the Florida DXpedition Group (FDXPG), Bob/K9MDO/**VP2MDO**, William/N2WB/**VP2MWB**, and Bill/W4WX/**VP2MHX** will be on Montserrat **July 22-29th**. They each will have their own station set up and will operate most bands and modes. QSL VP2MDO and VP2MHX via their home callsigns and VP2MWB via N2OO only. Please send SASE if you want direct reply.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS.** Mike Foster who used to have the callsign VP2V/7Q7FM now has the new callsign **VP2VFM**. He was heard this week on 14200 kHz at 0102z. QSL is ONLY DIRECT to G0IAS (with return postage please).

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISLAND.** Lyle Burgoyne, **VP6LJ**, is back on the island. He used to serve as priest on the island for two years in the mid 90's. He is expected to be there for at least one year. Over the past fews weeks, he has been active on 20 meters SSB. Watch 14190, 14245 and 14268 kHz after 0500z (sometimes earlier).

**W0DXCC 2003 CONVENTION.** The doors of the Bloomington, Minnesota, Holiday Inn on Highway 35W and 94th Street will open to Amateur radio operators with DX in mind on **October 18th** at 8 AM. Well-known W0-DX speakers will be featured! CQ Hall of Fame Inductee and "Mr. W0DXCC 2002" Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, will speak on his experiences with four-square antennas and will offer us the latest news from Bhutan, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, will present a seminar on his DXpeditions to various rare and very rare Antarctic DX Entities. Radio City, Mounds View, will present a fascinating demo comparing today's top radios and Timewave Technology will demonstrate the art of digital signal processing technology. Other outstanding speakers already booked for the Convention include K9LA, Carl Leutzelschwab with an intriguing talk on the challenges of W0-land propagation and W0IZ, Igor Zdorov, with a presentation on his DXpedition exploits to rare African and Asian DX Entities. "We are adding more great speakers and will be releasing the information shortly", Chairman Lou Sica,

AC0X, reports. The Convention will conclude with a 7PM Banquet at the Holiday Inn with a Keynote Speaker. Details for the Convention can be requested by E-mailing [w0dxcc@w0dxcc.com](mailto:w0dxcc@w0dxcc.com) or sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: W0DXCC 2003, PO Box 390633, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439-0633. Information is also available on the W0DXCC 2003 home page at: <http://www.w0dxcc.com>

**XU, CAMBODIA (An IOTA and possibly XW!).** Jaak, ES1FB, reports he will go to **Shianoukville**, Cambodia, from **October 19-28th**. His callsign will be **XU7ACE**, and he plans to be active in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest** as a Single- Op/All Band entry. He also plans to be active as **XU7ACV** from **Koh Poah Island (IOTA AS-133)**, **October 21-23rd**. Plans also include a trip to **Vientienne, Laos, October 30th through November 4th**. Possible callsign is **XW1FB** (?). QSL all operations to his home callsign ES1FB. For updates and a log search, visit the Web page at: <http://www.hot.ee/xu7ace/>

**XZ, MYANMAR.** Sigi, DL7DF, reports, "We actually had a special target in Africa for our 2003 DXpedition, however we ran into trouble getting the license. But we will go to another country instead - Myanmar, XZ. Myanmar is not amongst the top 10 of the most needed DXCC entities anymore but we hope for a success anyway." Operators DL7BO, DL7UFR, DL7DF, DL7KL, DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK and plus two of their XYLs are planning to be active as **XZ7A** between **September 30th and October 17th**. They will have four stations active from two different operating places. One of the places is in the capitol, the other one in a sea village. The location in the capitol is very promising because they will be using a roof on a 25m high building. Their planned activity will be on 160-6 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. They will have two linear, beams, a Titanex V80 vertical, a R7 plus a 6m yagi. On this operation they will be emphasizing the low bands because the last activity was in 1998 and 2000. Pilots will once again be Bernd/DF3CB and Floyd/N5FG. Updated news, online logs and pictures, will be available during the DXpedition at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/>

**YJ, VANUATU** (Update to [OPDX.617](#)). Trent, VK4TI, informs OPDX that the team who will be active as **YJ0X** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest**, intends to be in YJ8-land roughly 4 days prior and two days after the contest. They intend to leave the antenna at the site for future operators. He also mentions Les, VK3WA, is an excellent CW op, and they have had requests for RTTY. Their main focus was for the CQWW Contest as well as sightseeing. However, it does look like Vanuatu is a bit more needed than they thought by judging by the E-mails received here since the posting of their operation. QSL via VK4TI, using the QRZ.com address.

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